

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A surface mount CATV cable television jack for use with coaxial, fiber-optic or other sheathed cable, comprising:

a jack housing comprising:

a hollow base having a base inner wall having a periphery and a sidewall extending outward around the periphery of said base;

a cover attached to said base;

said jack housing defining a plurality of access ports; and

at least one cable female-to-female connector disposed through a corresponding one of said access ports for connection with a CATV cable television cable;

wherein one end of the at least one female-to-female connector extends externally of the jack housing, and the other end of the at least one female-to-female extends internally of the jack housing through said corresponding one of said access ports.

Claim 2. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount CATV cable television jack according to claim 1, wherein said at least one female-to-female connector comprises a linear female-to-female cable connector.

Claim 3. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount ~~CATV~~ cable television jack according to claim 1, wherein said at least one female-to-female connector comprises a right angle female-to-female cable connector having first and second threaded portions.

Claim 4. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount ~~CATV~~ cable television jack according to claim 3, further comprising a connector clamp attached to said base so sized and configured as to hold the connector collar of an input cable, said input cable being disposed through another of said plurality of access ports.

Claim 5. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount ~~CATV~~ cable television jack according to claim 4, wherein said one of said plurality of access ports is located in said cover and said other of said plurality of access ports is located in said sidewall.

Claim 6. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount ~~CATV~~ cable television jack according to claim 5, wherein said first threaded portion of said right angle connector is disposed through said cover and held in place in a vertical position by connector nuts located above and below said cover, said second threaded portion being held in a horizontal position by the connector collar of the input cable, the input cable entering said housing through said other of said plurality of access ports located in said sidewall.

Claim 7. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount ~~CATV~~ cable television jack according to claim 6, further comprising a connecting cable and a linear female-to-female connector disposed through said other of said plurality of access ports, said connecting cable connecting said horizontal threaded portion of said right angle connector with said linear female-to-female connector, the input cable being connected to said female-to female connector exterior to said housing.

Claim 8. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount ~~CATV~~ cable television jack according to claim 2, further comprising another linear female-to-female connector disposed in another said access port, each said access port being located in said housing wall, and a connector cable connecting each said female-to-female connector within said housing, wherein the input cable is connected to one of said female-to-female connectors exterior to said housing and the output cable is connected to the other of said female-to-female connectors exterior to said housing.

Claim 9. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount ~~CATV~~ cable television jack of claim 8, wherein said hollow base is generally rectangular and having two ports in at least one sidewall, each said female-to-female connectors being disposed in a corresponding one of said two ports in said one sidewall.

Claim 10. (*Currently Amended*) A surface mount CATV cable television jack for coaxial, fiber-optic, or other sheathed cable comprising:

a rectangular housing having opposed inner wall and outer walls, opposed sidewalls, and opposed end walls and comprising:

a generally rectangular base having an inner wall and peripheral opposed sidewalls, a closure end wall, and a cable mount end wall;

a generally rectangular cover having an outer wall and peripheral opposed side walls, a closure end wall, and a cable access end wall and conforming with said rectangular base such that said peripheral cover walls slidably engage said peripheral base walls and abut said inner wall of said rectangular base upon closure of said cover over said base;

said housing having a cable entry port and a cable connector extension port, each said port defined by any of said end walls and said side walls of said housing; and

at least one female cable connector extending through said cable connector extension port.

Claim 11. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount CATV cable television jack according to claim 10, wherein said at least one female cable connector is a linear female-to-female cable connector having securing nuts removably mounted thereon.

Claim 12. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount CATV cable television jack according to claim 11, said base inner wall having a peripheral rim extending beyond said peripheral walls, said peripheral walls of said cover abutting said peripheral rim when closed over said base to form said housing.

Claim 13. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount CATV cable television jack according to claim 11, wherein said peripheral walls of said base are of such dimensions as to accommodate the entry of the input cable through said cable entry port and to accommodate the exit of said female connector and the turning of said securing nuts within and without said housing.

Claim 14. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount CATV cable television jack according to claim 11, wherein said inner wall of said base defines at least one screw mounting for receiving a screw mounting said base to a wall or other support.

Claim 15. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount CATV cable television jack according to claim 11, wherein said cable entry port and said cable connector extension port are defined by a common housing end wall.

Claim 16. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount CATV cable television jack according to claim 15, wherein the input cable extends through said cable input port, forms a bend portion proximate the housing end wall opposite said cable entry port and form a generally straight

portion and ending in a cable connector collar, said collar being connected to said female-to-female connector at an end opposite that extending from said cable connector extension port.

Claim 17. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount CATV cable television jack according to claim 16, wherein said connecting nuts secure said extension portion of said female-to-female connector to said cable mount end wall of said base forming said housing common wall.

Claim 18. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount CATV cable television jack according to claim 16, further comprising at least one cable tiedown attached to said base inner wall within said housing for positioning the input cable.

Claim 19. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount CATV cable television jack of claim 10, wherein said housing inner wall defines a centrally disposed aperture of such dimensions as to cover and receive a flush-mounted jack connector in said wall, thus converting said flush-mount jack to a surface mounted jack.

Claim 20. (*Currently Amended*) The surface mount CATV cable television jack of claim 10, wherein said base closure end wall defines a knockout cable inlet groove plug and a knockout connector extension port.